

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 35-41 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 8-21 are allowed.

Claims 1-7 and 35-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and/or 103(a). These claims are canceled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If any issue remains to be resolved, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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